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## 03/21/2012 Minutes

Approved  
 VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP  
 SUSTAINABLE ARLINGTON  
 March 21, 2012 MEETING  
 Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conference Room

In attendance: Ryan Katofsky, Laura Notman, Elizabeth Karpati, Dave Haas, Brucie Moulton, Richard Lucius, Amy Currul, Joy from Malden  
 Facilitator: Gail McCormick      Minutes: Charlotte Milan

Next meetings: Wed. April 18, Wed. May 16, Wed. June 18

February minutes approved

Malden resident came to visit and see how Sustainable Arlington operates

Ryan:

Solarize Mass- proposal submitted to Mass CEC

- Town will find out soon if we're accepted in the program
- For systems up to 15KWh, the Town will help get the message out and build interest in residential solar projects. The more residents sign up, the lower the cost will be for all during the campaign period
- The community involvement is essential to building the interest, and SA has written a letter of support and will be an important partner
- Ryan, as Solar Coach, will organize volunteers, the state has written marketing materials to share with us.
- In April the communities will be selected and an installer will be chosen
- Laura has been following up with Next Step Living which also wants to sell solar PV, so Ryan and Laura will talk and update us in April

In April Ryan will have a list of volunteer opportunities towards Solarize Arlington  
 Energy Working Group- A Green Communities grant application is being written for

- a "split conditioner" for the renovations of the 6th floor of Arlington High School for improved heating and cooling controls
- variable speed drives on heat pumps
- A fund is proposed to Town Meeting: separate undertaking was prompted by the lack of funds for quick decisions. May be known as the Arlington Energy Investment Fund.

EcoFest-

- Raffle for first time
- Many vendors that aren't usually involved with environmental activities
- SAVE club will be there, looking for partners to support the high school compost project
- Dirt: The Movie- showing March 24 at the Senior Center
- April 18, the next SA meeting, with environmentalist Cate Maas giving a presentation of her experience at the Chelsea, also showing at the Senior Center
- Put note on the Annex door directing people to the Senior Center, change the location on our website as well, send out more reminders than usual

Brackett School-

- Laura has been keeping up with them. They're making good progress in creating a compost program
- Amy and the SAVE club may want to connect with them pretty soon